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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Sep-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 09/22/07	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/15/07
Broiler/fryer	171,671	167,313
Light hens	1,151	1,042
Heavy hens	1,523	1,531

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 15-Sep-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	463	3	466
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	196	0	196
Same week yr ago	0	0	0
To-date/2007	9,524	26	9,550
To-date/2006	5,870	26	5,896

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,410	1,554	2,964
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	991	1,119	2,110
Same week yr ago	970	1,542	2,512
To-date/2007	50,322	53,573	103,895
To-date/2006	46,434	54,815	101,249

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 15-Sep-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	168,326	947	1,551	2,498
Avg Wt	5.48	3.35	7.91	6.18
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	149,496	795	1,119	1,914
Same wk yr ago	166,512	970	1,542	2,512
Avg Wt	5.45	3.36	8.14	6.29
To-date/2007	5,942,411	40,798	53,547	94,345
To-date/2006	5,966,723	40,564	54,789	95,353

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 168.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 170.4 million head, or 2.0 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 15-Sep-07

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	41,231	84,820	32,484	9,791	168,326
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.35	7.08	8.25	5.48
% of total /1	25%	50%	19%	6%	100%
Last week	39,946	75,247	27,239	7,064	149,496
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.39	7.05	8.19	5.39
% of total /1	27%	50%	18%	5%	100%
Year Ago 2/	39,683	91,524	24,754	10,551	166,512
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.39	7.04	8.15	5.45
% of total /1	24%	55%	15%	6%	100%
To date/2007	1,602,040	2,984,144	957,696	398,531	5,942,411
To date/2006	1,722,979	2,939,836	845,412	458,496	5,966,723

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 15-Sep-07
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,112	2,753	52	2	4,919
Avg Wt	16.96	36.69	23.40	55.82	28.09
Head sltr comparisons ⁸²					
Last week	1,981	2,292	48	4	4,325
Same wk yr ago	2,026	2,644	35	0	4,705
Avg Wt	17.56	36.06	25.27	0.00	28.01
To-date/2007	72,695	96,053	848	181	169,777
To-date/2006	70,946	94,043	891	177	166,057

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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